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Filed: November 9, 2000)	
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Title: Microcrystalline Cellulose)	
Cushioning Granules)	

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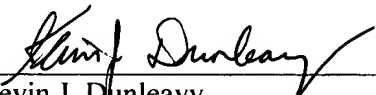
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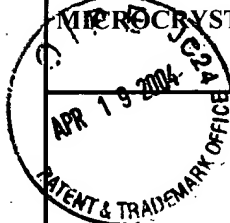
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